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Dear Yucca Mountain Project:

I am greatly disturbed by the possibility of storing high-level nuclear waste in the bowels of Yucca Mountain. I am a resident of Inyo County, CA, the county downstream from Yucca Mountain. I am appalled to learn that geologists now agree that the geology of Yucca Mtn. is not particularly favorable for permanent storage, that any waste leaking there will escape Yucca Mtn, and head for the Amargosa River watershed. It is thus apparent that the only hope for safe storage is within the cask technology, not the particular geology there. Thus Yucca Mtn. has been selected not for sound scientific reasons but for political reasons.

I also am disturbed that this "site selection" process has not included adequate or even cursory analysis of any other alternatives. Yucca Mtn. also has the problem of being very far away from most of the waste, and thus will require more dangerous transport distances. I find this lack of alternatives to be a direct violation of the Environmental Policy Act. In view of the fact that we have safe storage for the waste for at least 100 years now, I urge you to recommend that other sites be considered.

Sincerely,
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